



District of Columbia Government  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
Box 75115  
Washington, DC 20013



February 14, 2005

Jalal Greene  
Director, Department of Housing and Community Development  
801 North Capitol Street NE, Suite 8000  
Washington, DC 20002

Re: Request for Proposals for 1341 Maryland Avenue, NE (the former Fire House)

Mr. Greene:

On February 10, 2005, at our regularly scheduled and noticed public meeting, with a quorum of 7 of 8 commissioners present, we voted to request that you incorporate the following recommendations into the selection criteria of the Request for Proposals (RFP) that we understand your agency is currently preparing for 1341 Maryland Ave. NE (the former firehouse). Accordingly, we expect that as a result of the great weight" afforded to an ANC, these will be included in the final RFP criteria.

1. The ANC opposes any quasi-residential use such as a Community-Based Residential Facility.
2. Give strong preference to bidders who are able to show significant support from within the immediate neighborhood.
3. Give strong preference to bidders with a proven record of successful management of renovations involving asbestos, lead and other environmental hazards, unless such hazards are shown not to be present at the site, in which case such a preference is unnecessary.
4. Give strong preference to bidders with a proven record of successful residential redevelopment of properties in a historic district.

Finally, this property is located in the area represented by Commissioner Marc Borbely, whom we requested in November that you invite to participate in the interagency RFP process. We would appreciate the courtesy of a written response in writing by February 24, 2005.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Councilmember Sharon Ambrose  
Councilmember Vincent Orange  
Councilmember David Catania  
Gottlieb Simon, Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions



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October 3, 2005

Mr. Anthony Freeman, President  
National Capital Revitalization Corporation  
2025 M Street, NW  
Suite 600  
Washington, DC 20036

Re: Community input for development of 525 Ninth Street, NE

Mr. Freeman,

At the September 8, 2005, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A, with all eight Commissioners present, voted unanimously to request that the National Capital Revitalization Corporation (NCRC) adopt the Commission's recommendations provided to the Department of Housing and Community Development on December 10, 2004, regarding the development of this unused District property. In summary, the recommendations are as follows:

1. Give preference to bids for a multi-family residential use such as apartments, flats, or condominiums. This use is supported by the Comprehensive Plan, the Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan, and residents who live near the property. Given the number of other social service providers in the immediate area, the ANC opposes any quasi-residential use such as a Community-Based Residential Facilities;
2. Give preference to bidders with a proven record of successful management of renovations involving asbestos, lead and other environmental hazards; and
3. Give preference to bidders with a proven record of successful redevelopment of properties in historic districts.

Finally, we would encourage NCRC to include a representative from the community to participate in the Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Community representation on the RFP panel is a critical to ensure the immediate neighborhood concerns are adequately addressed in the development of this property.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler,  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Councilmember Sharon Ambrose  
Mr. Donald Pross, Senior Development Director, NCRC  
Ms. Tiffany Simms, External Affairs Coordinator, NCRC

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